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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Opening of the Conference

The Conference will be opened by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 21 April 1992.

Item 3: Adoption of the rules of procedure

The provisional rules of procedure, prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat, are contained in TD/COCOA.8/2

Item 4: Election of officers

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Conference shall elect a President and two Vice-Presidents. The Conference may elect the President from among the representatives, or it may elect as its President a person other than a representative of a participant. It is proposed that the Vice-Presidents should be elected, one from among the representatives of consumers, and one from among the representatives of producers.

Item 5: Credentials of representatives

Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the credentials of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the Conference.

Rule 4 provides that a Credentials Committee, consisting of five members appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President, shall examine the credentials of representatives.

Item 6: Establishment of an Executive Committee and of other committees as required

Rule 47 provides that the Conference may establish such committees, sub-committees and working parties as may be necessary for the work of the Conference. It is proposed in this connection that the Conference should establish an Executive Committee of the whole to deal with items 7 and 8 of the provisional agenda in closed session. It is further proposed that the Executive Committee should in turn establish an economic committee, an administrative committee and a legal drafting committee. These committees would be empowered to set up such sub-committees or working parties as they deem necessary.

Item 7: Preparation of a successor agreement to the International Cocoa Agreement, 1986

At its forty-third regular session held in London from 19 to 21 February 1992, the International Cocoa Council decided to request the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to convene a United Nations Cocoa Conference to negotiate a new economic cocoa agreement. Moreover, the Council requested the Executive Director of the International Cocoa Organization to forward to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, as a background document for the Conference, the International Cocoa Agreement, 1986.(It is understood that the whole text is within square brackets). This document will be circulated under the symbol TD/COCOA.8/R.1. For the full text of the decision of the Council, see paragraph 27 of TD/COCOA.8/3.